

**Hospice and Palliative Care Screening Tool**

Guidelines for Hospice and Palliative Care Eligibility

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| **Hospice Eligibility Overview** | **Palliative Care Eligibility Overview** |
| -Patient does not desire curative-based treatment (chemo,  dialysis, surgery)  -Patient does not desire rehabilitation  -Patient has likely prognosis of less than 6 months | -Patient still interested in curative-based treatment  -Patient still interested in rehabilitation  -Patient prognosis is uncertain |

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| **Disease Process** |  |
| *If patient has one or more of the conditions listed below, they are likely a candidate for* **EITHER** *Hospice* **OR** *Palliative Care*  -Metastatic or recurrent cancer - End stage renal disease  -Advanced COPD (O2 dependent, frequent exacerbations) -Advanced dementia (limited language, assistance with all  -Advanced heart disease (CHF, CAD, Cardiomyopathy) ADL’s, unable to ambulate independently)  -Stroke with decreased function (by 50%) -Advanced liver disease  -Advanced neurological disease (ALS, MS, Parkinson’s disease) |  |

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| **Palliative Care Specific Criteria**  *If patient has a life-limiting illness, but not yet “advanced”, and one or more of the conditions listed below.* |  |
| -Unacceptable level of pain -Patient/family desire help with advance care planning  -Other uncontrolled symptoms (dyspnea, nausea, fatigue, etc.) -Frequent ED visits or hospital admissions  -Poor functional status -Recurrent infections  -Patient/family desire help with determining goals of care -Unintentional weight loss |  |

Factors to consider when determining Hospice or Palliative Care eligibility:

**For more information about hospice or palliative care services call 225.767.4673**

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